

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENT*

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~~The A distance measuring apparatus of the present invention comprises distance measurement value selecting means for detecting~~ detects the shortest distance measurement value corresponding to the shortest distance among the plurality of multiple distance ~~measurement values~~ measurements, and ~~selecting the~~ selects distance measurement values which differ from the shortest distance measurement value by a value less than a ~~predetermined~~ threshold value; ~~first computing means for calculating~~ calculates a first correction value, ~~which is the as a mean value of the difference values~~ differences between the shortest distance measurement value and the ~~selected~~ distance measurement values selected; ~~second computing means for detecting the farthest~~ longest distance measurement value corresponding to the ~~farthest~~ longest distance among the ~~selected~~ distance measurement values selected, and ~~calculating~~ calculates a second correction value, ~~which is as 1/2 of the~~ difference between the shortest distance measurement value and the ~~farthest~~ longest distance measurement value; and ~~third computing means for calculating the~~ calculates autofocus data by correcting the shortest distance measurement value, adopting a correction value that is the lesser of the first correction value ~~or~~ and the second correction value.